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COUNTRY Germany (Soviet Zone)

TOPIC Soviet Troops in Halle

EVALUATION see below

PLACE OBTAINED

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DATE OF CONTENT 19 March to 5 April 1952

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REMARKS

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1. On 27 March 1952, troops from the Luftnachrichten Kaserne on Heide Allee in Halle (M 52/D 92) were engaged in training. About 60 men practiced with 4 x 57-mm AT guns on the target range, 2 T-34/85 tanks and 2 light armored scout cars engaged in driving practice, and other soldiers engaged in gun drill with 2 x 120-mm mortars.

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2. On 27 March, the Flak Kaserne in Woermlitz, on the road to Beesen, was occupied to capacity. Troops practiced firing with live ammunition with 5 x 57-mm AT guns and 4 x 120-mm mortars on the Saalehang.

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3. On 20 March, the Reil Kaserne on Reilstrasse quartered an estimated 500 to 600 troops who wore black-bordered red epaulets. Source determined that the buildings on the street were not in use. All quarters were lighted at nightfall.

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Submachine gun reports were heard from the billeting area daily at about 9 a.m. during two weeks. The barracks gates were locked and the sentries stood inside the fence. There was no vehicular traffic. **

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5. On 26 March, the Flak Kaserne in Woermilitz was occupied by about 900 troops who wore red-bordered black epaulets with tank insignia. About 240 troops in groups were engaged in rifle drill in the barracks yard. About 27 soldiers practiced throwing hand grenades at practice targets.

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6. On 21 March, source determined that the SCC was housed at 4 through 7 Maxim-Gorkistrasse.

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7. On 25 March, the Reil Kaserne on Reilstrasse was occupied by about 60 soldiers who wore red-bordered black epaulets and black-bordered red epaulets. Two groups of 8 soldiers wearing black-bordered red epaulets and carrying rifles were engaged in formation drill in the barracks yard at noon.

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8. On 5 April, the Luftnachrichten Kaserne on Heide Allee quartered about 1,500 troops who wore red-bordered black epaulets. About 200 troops fell in in the barracks yard on 3 April. A convoy of about 25 trucks carrying about 500 troops without rifles drove into the installation.

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- * Comment. The report confirms that the Luftnachrichten Kaserne on Heide Allee and the Flak Kaserne in Woermilitz are occupied by components of the 21st Ods Necz Div. The distribution of the troops in the two installations is undetermined. The

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